Literary Citations In The Sharaf-nāma Di *Şerefname*yê de Iqtibasên Edebî

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PUXTE:

Di nav metnê Şerefnameyê ku xulaseyek giştî ji dîroka kurdan tê hesabê de îqtibasên mîna derbulmesel û gotinên pêşiyan ciyekî fireh digire. Di Şerefnameyê de bi giştî meriv dikare behsa du cure îqtibasan bike. Her çiqas meriv nikaribe di nav van temayên ku di metnê derbas dibin de cudahiyek berbiçav bibîne jî, bingeha van ji helbestên ku naveroka wan ji tawsiyeyên mefadar û pexşanên ku bi naveroka xwe dînî ne pêk tên.

Bi gelemperî eger ku bê gotin, her îqtibasek ku di metna Şerefnameyê de derbas dibe çavkaniyek xwe heye. Lê tişta ku îqtibasên Şerefnameyê ji îqtibasên berhemên din cuda dike, bi şeklekî sîstematîk bahsnekirina çavkaniyên van îqtibasan e. Di vê kontekstê de karê editor an jî wergêrê Şerefnameyê, ne tespitkirina nêrînên balkêş ên weke neteweperweriya kurdî ye, berovajî vê, tespitkirina referansên edebî ye. Ev yek ne tenê ji bo faraziyan û semantîka têgehan bi kar tê; herweha di hengama kifşkirina wateya rasteqîn ya van

> xalan, jinûvesazkirin an sererastkirina hin pasajên di nav metnê, nemaze derbarê pirsyarên têkildarî ziman, wate û xwendinan de bi kar tê.

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Meqaleya li ber destê we lîsteyek teqez ên îqtibasên ku di metnê de hatine dayin pêşkêş dike. Di vê berhemê de ji helbestên serkeftî û zarîf bigire, heta gotinên pêşiyan, ayet, hedîs, munacat, dua, hicv û falên astrolojîk wek îqtibas cîh digirin. Herweha hin perçe-helbestên ku hin nehatine pênasekirin jî tê de cih digirin. Weke beşek ji qesîdeyek dirêj ku nehatibe keşifkirin.



Kêmasî her dê hebe. Lêbelê hêvîdar im ev lîsteya kontrolê wek berdêla vê xebata pêşeng ji bona xebatên ku di paşerojê de li ser Şerefnameyê bi nêrînek metin-navendî bêne kirin re, fêdeyek mutewazî pêk werîne. Bi taybetî, di demên bextewar de ji bona zanyar û lêkolînerên edebiyatê bibe gavek pêş. Îdiayek weke bêqusûrbûnê ya vê xebatê ne gengaz e.

Peyvên Sereke: Şerefname, îqtibasên edebî, di Şerefnameyê de îqtibasên edebî, gotinên pêşiyan, dîroka kurdan.

ABSTRACT:

The Sharaf-nāma, that huge compendium of Kurdish history, constitutes a large collection of gnomic sayings which has survived in the text. It is possible, in general, to distinguish between two types of gnomic literature in the Sharaf-nāma. A distinction can be made between verse compositions containing mainly pragmatic advice and those prose aphorisms which have primarily religious character. Although one cannot expect absolute separation of themes as there is very little that is completely secular in the text.

Loosely speaking, every citation has itself a source. What distinguishes the citations of the Sharaf-nāma from others is the unsystematic way in which they are expressed, showing almost always no mention of the sources used. In this context, the job of the editor or translator is not merely to make interesting remarks about, for example, the Kurdish nationalism in the Sharaf-nāma but to identify literary references. They are very useful not only for the supposition and the semantics of terms but also for clarifying the exact meaning of a number of points of this text, as well as for correcting or reconstructing some passages of the text especially when the questions of meaning, language, and particularly variant readings are concerned.

The present article provides a complete checklist of literary citations given in the text. Literary here can apply to anything eloquence, including elegant and subtle poetry, to proverbs, hadīths, to āyas, invocations to God for assistance, satires, and on occasion even to the divinatory art of astrology etc. There are certain fragments where a poetical citation has not been identified, where a hemistich of long qaşīdas remains undiscovered. Lacunae always do exist but I hope that the present checklist, as a slight recompense for its priority, may constitute a modest contribution to further research on this textual aspect of the Sharaf-nāma; especially as a stepping-stone to other scholars in happier times. My work makes no pretension to completeness.

Keywords: Sharaf-nāme, literary citations, literary citations in Sharaf-nāme, gnomic sayings, Kurdish history.



1. INTRODUCTION

Sharaf Khān wrote at time when Persian and Arabic linguistic and literary influences were having an increasing impact on the Kurdish cultural world. It was therefore inevitable that the Kurds should follow their Persian, Arab and even Turkish mentors and officials and enthusiastically support those poems. The features which particularly concern us here are poems which Sharaf Khān classifies under the headings of nazm, bayt, mathnawī, rubā'ī, and qit'a but there are some other related and significant structures in the text; such as greater prolixity (iṭnāb); use of Arabic morphological elements and brocken plurals; and especially rhymed prose (saj'). It seems that Sharaf Khān, besides writing Kurdish history, was fond of pointing to poetry, especially Persian poetry, which he sometimes memorized (I think), and he was perhaps said to learn the principles of its composition and details of its metrics. According to his autobiography, Sharaf Khān had a taste for the sciences ('ulūm), though the 'science of rhyme' is not stated (Scheref, 1860, i, 447-48).

A notable feature of the Sharaf-nāma is the incorporation of poetry in many sections devoted to the structures or landscape features of Kurdistan. Clearly Sharaf Khān found poetry a significant addition to the Sharaf-nāma, as it is not only incidentally included, but purposefully collected and organized. If we approach the Sharaf-nāma as a social text, then the poetry gains a unique interest for us. Much of the poetry is embedded in historical contexts that allow us to see how it interacted with the social spaces of Kurdistan. On a simple numerical count of the separate occasions when poems and single verses are cited, there is a heavy preponderance of Persian citations over Arabic and Turkish ones.

Only on one occasion do we have Arabic poems cited. There are 7 verses rhyming in yā and rā and making up a poetic munāzara between Malik Afdal b. Ṣalāḥ al-Dīn Yūsuf, the eldest son of Ṣalāḥ al-Dīn, who was born in 565/1169-70 and died at Shumayshāṭ in 622/1225, and the Caliph Nāṣir, the thirty-fourth 'Abbāsid caliph ruled from 575/1180 to 622/1225. When Malik Afdal's brother Malik 'Azīz, known as 'Uthmān, and his uncle Malik 'Ādil, known as Abū Bakr, took the province of Damascus from him, the Ayyūbid Malik Afdal, who was a prodigious author, compared the following four lines in verse and sent them to the Caliph Nāṣir, in Baghdad:

Mawlāya inna Abā Bakr wa ṣāḥibahu 'Uthmāna qad ghaṣibā bi-l-sayf ḥaqqa 'Alī Wa huwa alladhī qad wallāhu wāliduhu 'Alayhimā fastaqāma al-amru ḥīna walī



Fakhālafāhu wa khalā 'aqdun biy'atihi Wa al-amru baynahumā wa al-naṣṣun fīhi jalī Fanzur ilā khaṭṭi hādhā al-ism kiyfa laqī Min al-awākhir mā lāqā min al-awwalī.

The poem was no mere glossary of literary words and their meanings. Malik Afdal dealt with the dominant dispute between the Sunnis and Shiites in which the poet uses his own name and those of his brother and uncle instead of the first Muslim caliph, Abū Bakr, the third caliph, 'Uthmān, and the fourth one, 'Alī. What Caliph Nāṣir wrote back to him.

(Wāfā kitābuka yabna Yūsuf mu'linan Bi-l-wuddi yukhbiru anna aşlaka ṭāhiru Ghaşabū 'Alīyyan ḥaqqahu idh lam yakun Ba'da Nabīyyi lahu bi-Yathriba nāşirun Fabshir fainna ghadan 'alayhi ḥisābahum Waşbir fanāşiruka al-imāmu al-Nāşiru)

has also doubled Caliph as both poet and author of a religious tract. For original version of the poetries by Malik Afdal and Caliph Nāşir, the variantal differences between the original and what cited by Sharaf Khān, and further references to their munāzara one may mention Tamām al-Mutūn fī Sharh Risāla ibn Zaydūn and Thamarāt al-Awrāq, respectively (Ṣafadī, 1971, 249; Ḥamawī, 1971, 23).

The Turkish poetry, on the other hand, includes just one very short verse composed after the defeat of poet's lord at Bitlīs (Şaha ol Bidlis'in Kürdi muti olmaz Süleyman'a). The poet, Maḥmūd Ughlī, dealt with the Kurds of Bitlīs when his lord, the Āq-Quyūnlū grand vizier and general Sulaymān b. Bīzhan, laid siege to its castle and was not able to destroy Kurdish resistance against the Āq-Quyūnlū's repeated attacks by 877/1473 (Qazwīnī, 2000, 91-93).

Persian poems and poets who were known to Sharaf Khān personally should figure prominently in the text and include several long, complete poems and sections of poems. Many of these single or so verses had become almost proverbial, and in many cases, the names of the original poet had been neglected by Sharaf Khān. The verses quoted by poets who were our author's contemporaries are numerous: they include some by the great Persian Sunni Naqshbandī poet 'Abd al-Raḥmān Nūr al-Dīn b. Niẓām al-Dīn Aḥmad Dashtī Jāmī (d.897/1492), who wrote a prolific amount of poetry and prose in both Persian and Arabic, and the Persian poet and nephew of Jāmī, 'Abd Allāh Hātifī Kharjirdī (d. 927/1521), who was



known above all for his khamsa, which became famous even in the Ottoman Empire and India. For the second whose dīwān is quite unknown and there is only a doubtful manuscript copy in Cairo, Sharaf Khān reproduced here a short valuable mathnawī that more possibly did not occur elsewhere. Judging by the number of Jāmī's poetries which have explored, Sharaf Khān was very greatly under the influence of his works including Dīwān and Haft Urang, especially its Khiradnāma-yi Iskandarī and Yūsuf wa Zulaykhā.

Mention should also be made of classical Persian poets. After the enumeration of his sources, as will appear from the footnotes, most of classical dīwāns, were directly accessible to Sharaf Khān, and possibly available at his personal library. He borrowed different poems used by famous classical poets, some of which from Firdawsī (d. 411/1020), others from Niẓāmī (d. between 575-613/1180-1217), others from Sa'dī (d. 27 Dhu al-Ḥijja 691/9 December 1292) or Ḥāfiẓ (d. 792/1390 or 791/1389). The quotations given of these sources, especially the extensive use of Niẓāmī, himself a Kurd on his mother side, though for the most part brief and dry, show some changes and alterations which find their way into the text. That they were also weak in poetical talent, normally inserted by alterations, as the entertainings but inaccurate quotations, cannot be disputed. But Sharaf Khān's severe selection, though necessary, was not easy, because of his enormous focus on ethical parameters which is in strong contrast with the great classical rules of metrics and rhyming. It has, therefore, many unnecessary changes and the accuracy of the poems leaves a good deal to be desired.

Apart from the famous poems from both the significant unknown and wellknown dīwāns, one notable feature here is the importance of Persian verse citations in Sharaf-nāma for recovery of the ambiguities of some Persian poetry. It is important as being the sole source for certain verses, or as providing valuable variant readings for poems attested elsewhere. Not even regarding poets like Hātifī, but this is even the case in regard to the citations from poets like Jāmī whose dīwān is several times republished. The strong interest of Sharaf Khān, especially as advisor of his son, in the andarz form of Jāmī, in which religion, ethics, and science came together, indirectly at least reflected several variants of a long mathnawī composed in Khirad-nāma.

Another remarkably part of the Persian poetry of the Sharaf-nāma was certainly obtained from previous historical works considering during the writing of Sharafnāma, either directly or indirectly. This especially can be modeled on an earlier great poem, the rubā'ī of Sulaymān-Shāh b. Barjam al-Īwā'ī (killed by Hülegü, in 656/1258), the powerful chief of the Turcoman tribe of Ivä, who was ruled in Kurdish territories, especially from his capital of Bahār, near Hamadān, that his



name was almost always mispronounced and unidentified by Sharaf-nāma scholars, regarding his victory over Ḥusām al-Dīn Khalīl of Lesser Lur in 643/1246 (not 640/1243 as given by Sharaf Khān, probably after Qādī Aḥmad Ghaffārī). The Turcoman Sulaymān Shāh, who wrote the poem cited by Sharaf Khān, as well as poetry on a variety of other themes, was fond and even active in both astronomy and Persian literature. The poetry cited in Sharaf-nāma and another Persian rubā'ī by the same author, rhyming in mīm, and addressed to Zangī, son of Atābag Sa'd, a ruler of the atābags of Fārs or Salghurids, have been mentioned in Tarīkh-i Jahān-gushā (Juwaynī, 1937, iii, 459ff.).

Sharaf Khān also reproduced a panegyric rubā'ī in honor of Khwāja Shams al-Dīn Muḥammad who was Persian statesman and Finance Minister under the early Il-khāns. After the deposition of Shams al-Dīn Muḥammad, when he was put to death by Arghūn on 28 Rajab 683/16 October 1284, Majd al-Dīn Hamgar Fārisī (d.c.678/1279), the Il-khānid poet, wrote the present lament for his killing. In this section the rubā'ī, which Sharaf Khān used, differes only in minor details from the archetype mentioned in the Tadhkirat al-Shu'arā' (Samarqandī, 1901, 106).

In Sharaf Khān's use of Persian poetry, he inserts rarely a chronogram jummal system to illustrate specific historical events, or to heighten their impact on the reader. Two verses by an anonymous author, for example, show that Temür captured the fortress of Vān in the course of his Kurdistan campaign of 789 AH, according to the chronogram.

(Shāhī ki bi tīgh mulk-i Īrān bigirift Māh-i 'alamash sarḥaddi kaywān bigirift Tārīkh-i girftan-i ḥiṣār-i Vān rā Pursandat agar bigū ki **kiy-Vān bigirift**: 789).

The poetry, as its context suggests, came to prominence after Timūrid conquest of Vān in 789/1387, and according to Mīr Khwānd, it is recited by an unidentified erudite man. Sharaf Khān's knowledge of Rawdat al-Ṣafā almost certainly helped bring the poetry to the favor of Sharaf-nāma readers (Mīr Khwānd, 2001, vi, 4717). The talented Kurdish translation of Hejar is, to my knowledge, the only translation of the text which tallies with the chronogram in jummal: be ladizî û gizî Van-î girt: 789 (Hejar, 2005, 145).

Our author's observation on a poetry by Mawlānā Idrīs, the exalted Kurdish statesman and historian, is also of some interest. In the fourth chapter of Sharafnāma, Sharaf Khān gives a poetry by Idrīs, showing Shiite respects, in which he is full of praise for Ismā'īl I, the Safavid shah. But most interesting of all is Sharaf



Khān's account of the rise of Ismā'īl I and Shiite Safavids. The context of Idrīs's discussion of the event is a Persian jummal phrase, madhhab-i nāḥaqq: 906 'false religion', addressed to the Safavid rise (906/1500), in which we are told about untruthful claims of Ismā'īl I and his followers. When Ismā'īl I asked Idrīs about the poetry, according to the Sharaf-nāma, Idrīs denied the Persian phrase and claimed the phrase as an Arabic one (madhhabunā ḥaqq: 906 'our true religion') with the same jummal value. Then Sharaf Khān placed a poetry in which Idrīs made his excuse for such confusion and offered a slightly feeling of admiration for Shiites. It is evident that much of this detail on Idrīs, the key figure of Ottoman attempts to ally Sunni Kurds against the Safavids, has been published and adopted by Shiite followers. There are several possible reasons for the *Sharaf-nāma*'s failure to attribute a Shiite episode to Idrīs. The authors writing in the Persian lands, such as Qādī Musāfir (Naṣrābādī, 1918, 472) and Mawlānā Mashhadī (Samarqandī, MS, fols.87r.-v.), used the same chronogram and story. Moreover, Mawlānā Shahīd Bayg Mujtahid enlarged an expanded verse version of the same Safavid rise:

Mulk-i Khurāsān girift pādishah-i dīn panāh Tā hama mulk-i jahān dartaha (sic) rawnaq buwad 'Aql-i muwarrakh sifāt, guft bi bāng-i buland Jāmi '-i tārīkh-i ū: 'madhhabunā haqq' buwad

(Nakhjiwānī, 1964, 33-34; Qumī, 1980, i, 64). However, it should be noted that, while Sharaf Khān in what we said took some of his information from Safavid lore, still he does not seem to be in error for Idrīs's excuse poetry. Although Idrīs, as a Sunni Kurd, worked as an influential secretary for the Ottomans, but he was from Bitlīs where Baktāshī and pseudo-Shiite trends were somewhat alive (Bacqué-Grammont et Adle, 1986, 117). A story that suggests the friendship between Idrīs's father and Junayd is also reflected in the poem attributed to Idrīs, indicating possible Shiite trends of his own father. It is important to point out that while the companionship between their ancestors does not actually brand Idrīs as the follower of the Shiism, it does suggest that he did not degrade his mystical link with Ismā'īl I and his ancestors (Sönmez, 2006, 22).

There are also some verses probably by Sharaf Khān himself, but introduced by an anonymous formula like other situations. One trustworthy tract is the last poems cited in the chronicle (Scheref, 1860, i, 459) which certainly passed through the mind of Sharaf Khān, who besides writing a well-known chronicle, was an honorific poet. When Sharaf Khān is described (as he very rarely is) as essentially a poet, it must be borne in mind that his poems are descriptive poems (of his work)



and different from the ethical poems commonly professed in the text. Evidently, the polygraphic tastes of the Oriental elite had some part in shaping such poems.

It is certain, however, that many exciting discoveries remain to be made in the *terra incognita* of *Sharaf-nāma* poetry. In particular it is desirable that a wider range of sources should be looked at. The following tables and information provided by the present writer, copious though it is, is insufficient to present a full picture of the poetical citations in the text. It is of course so hard, if not impossible, to locate original sources in Persian for all unidentified poems of *Sharaf-nāma*.

Besides the poetical citations, *Sharaf-nāma* has also produced a wealth of literature concerning the Qur'ānic representations. Much of this is incorporated in its ethical commentaries on the events. Generalizing very broadly, Sharaf Khān's Qur'ānic citations are peppered with moralizing advice which sometimes has also a belles-lettres quality, as it is not so much chronicle of the Kurdish emirs' achievements as panegyrics to the qualities of a simple discussion. The key prefatory section of the text is such a case in point, in order to confer more prestige on both the prophetic verses and the goals and contents of the chronicle. Despite his suitable rhetorical usage of *Qur'ān*, of course, the quotations are not always repeated word for word as the original contexts of the *sūras*. A relevant mistake, for example, is *sūra* III, verse 17 where we read *yastaghfirūna bi-al-ashār* instead of *mustaghfirīn bi-al-ashār*.

Another predominant form of *Sharaf-nāma*'s Qur'ānic expressions is traditional. It purports to retail authoritative 'conclusions' which can be traced back to the God and Prophet. The chronicler Sharaf Khān here used his history as display book for example of judicial decisions and giving legitimacy to anyone he judged as 'true'. In doing so, he was perhaps following the earlier examples of Middle Eastern historians and especially *Hasht Bihisht*, the Persian chronicle of Ottoman sultans (Qazwīnī Ḥā'irī, 2010, 107-127). Such Qur'ānic motives for writing the *Sharaf-nāma* are sometimes straightforward to provide instruction concerning the manner of God's intervention in history, either to punish human beings for their wickedness or to reward them for their righteousness.

The Qur'ānic technique involved the use of Qur'ān as the most victorious and acceptable ideology. What Sharaf Khān wanted to affirm was that knowledge of the events was reserved to God and possibly His Muslim followers. In other words, he seems to be saying that those who are not adherents of Islam should not seek to gain any great victory in the events. One can, if one wishes, take these to refer loosely to Armenians, Jews and the Yezidis discussed in the text, but, of course, there are some Qur'ānic phrases and relevant $\bar{a}ya$ s that were also incorporated after unconventional Muslim Kurds.



Sharaf-nāma gives also some non-Qur'ānic divine words, known as hadīth (traditions about the Prophet), which, despite the lack of *isnāds*, have enriched religious observations of Sharaf Khān. The hadīth reports normally confirm what the Qur'anic evidences of the text suggest: that the Muslim concept of scripture was originally the most powerful Recitation of God's Word, what lies beyond or after the events is God and His Prophet etc. The one most important exception that has not been used by means of such using is an obsolete anti-Kurdish hadīth which Sharaf Khān reproduced on the basis of the well-known problems of the time and place. As quoted by Sharaf Khān, it reads: al-Akrādu tā'ifatun min al-jinn kashafa Allāh 'anhum al-ghitā' and he unawarely attributed it to the previous erudites. A more complete version of the same *hadīth* by Abū 'Abd Allāh Ja'far al-Ṣādiq (d. 148/765), the sixth Shiite imām, including some other anti-Kurdish expressions, is recorded in Shī'a *hadīth* collections. Sharaf Khān labels this as Kurdish bravery, thus associating it with a series of miraculous stories about Kurds' background as a devision of the genies, but indeed reflects Kurdish 'wild' and 'uneducated' manner, which are to be found in many Shiite classical books dealing with Kurds' definition in figh (Dehgan, 2006, 5-7).

There remains one other point to be noted: the proverbs. There is a very brief anthology of Arabic proverbs and folk samples. The classical proverbs carried simply an ethical message. However, the sole Turkish proverb (*sehir bizüm*, *helva bizüm*, p.312) seems to have been included for the comic pleasure it afforded.

2. THE CHECKLIST

As the text of Sharaf-nāma is readily available in Perso-Arabic characters, it has not seemed necessary to note in each case the spelling of individual words or to record entire verses, proverbs, $\bar{a}vas$ etc. Besides aiming at economy, the general purpose of the incipits and excipits signs have been to give a reference of what is written in original, showing its source wherever possible. For those who are interested in the complete form of the citations, it should be mentioned that page numbers refer to the best edition of the text (Zernof, St.-Pétersbourg, 1860-62). References to the Notes to the Checklist are made to an enumeration between the brackets, which is not to be confused with the original pagination by Zernof. Transliteration of Persian and Arabic words has been made uniform for the purpose of this checklist in accordance with a modified form of International Journal of Middle East Studies. The tables which follow are intended as a textual guide to the usage of literary citations. They omit doubtful points and simplify many complications. Some of the readings included in these tables are debatable. A number of abbreviations have been employed in the tables. These include \bar{A} for $\bar{a}va$, H for hadīth, h for hemistich, and Prv. for proverb.



I. Poetical Citations

Text Page	Incipit	Excipit	Verses
3	iy khāṣ	$\dots kh^w \bar{a}h \bar{\iota}$	2
4	zi sayr	'inānī[1]	1
4	rasūl	$\dots \bar{u}[2]$	5
5	Khudāyā	<i>dār</i> [3]	3
7	aḥwāl	<i>muj</i> [4]	3
8	bipūsh	nabuwad	2
12	<i>chu</i>	<i>būd</i> [5]	4
14	dast	<i>nīm</i> [6]	1
16	mutivārī	$\dots b\bar{l}d\bar{a}d[7]$	4
18	āfarīnish	khaţāst	1
19	maqbūl	bād	1h
29	az	bidarīd[8]	2
32	<i>dil</i>	<i>ast</i> [9]	1
40	bīchāra	kushta[10]	2
48	<i>du…</i>	mīraft	1h
59	bi har	<i>kār</i> [11]	1
ø	<i>chi</i>	<i>rā</i> [12]	1h
70	mawlāy	al-awwalī	8
8	wāfī	al-Nāşir	3
89	khūy	dast[13]	1
90	har ki	<i>kard</i> [14]	1
90-91	Shāhī	bigirift[15]	2
94	rūz	\dots and $\bar{a}kht[16]$	2
94-95 172	kudām	nakand	1
118	bālā	<i>bulandī</i> [17]	1
119	bi 'adl	ast	1h
123	tā	nanishīnad[18]	1
130	mabīn	gudāz	3
130-31	şidā	<i>farq</i> [19]	4
136	bigardīd	dil	2
140	chunīn	nuhagar[20]	2
143	buwad	'ār	1
#	<i>tarz</i>	maţar	2
149	bi har	kunad[21]	2
151	takāwurī	pargār	6
155	tukhm	Zaw[22]	2
156	āsmān	hudūr[23]	3
159	ān	paydāst	1
<i>"</i>	<i>du</i>	naburand[24]	1
166	bā	jazā	1h
8	khirad	dahān	1



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167	nașīḥat	maraḍ	1
<i>s</i>	gunahkār	buwad	1
168-257	dawlat	<i>khīzad</i> [25]	1
172	buwad	bīrūn (sic)	1
179	chunīn	kishad[26]	5
180	<i>dar</i>	nishast	1h
184	har	<i>rāst</i> [27]	1
185	pasandīda	dur	2
187	bi har	qafā	3
189	falak	<i>bas</i> [28]	1
189-90	kār	buwad[29]	3
196	kujā	pāyandagī	2
197	ān	<i>chang</i> [30]	1
198	hazār	<i>k</i> īn	1
202	zi āsīb	<i>pāsbān</i> [31]	1
206	<i>zar</i>	ast[32]	2
213	<i>yakī</i>	<i>bīnī</i> [33]	3
229	kardīm	$\dots zam \overline{in}[34]$	1
	har ki	āyad	2
233	bi jāy	ast	2
236	barū	surūdī	2
242-433	dilā	<i>nīst</i>	1
243	tā	ābādān	2
249	bad	<i>bih</i> [35]	1
253	iy khushā	tust	1
#	<i>chi</i>	nīknāmīst	2
254	chunīn	<i>nihāyat</i> [36]	1
256	parī	ārad	1
258	dunyā	<i>mībīnam</i> [37]	2
260	chun	sukhanwarī	1
\$	tā	bāqīst	2
265	kajak	<i>kīn</i> [38]	2
276	kasī	sākht[39]	3
281	giriftam	kār	5
292	hazār	shināwar	3
295	zi qabḍa	kh ^w īsh	4
311	Kurdī	<i>mīburd</i> [40]	5
317	bi qinā 'at	darwīshī	2
318	mabāsh	<i>farāmūsh</i> [41]	1
319-20	ingār	farqast	2
331	mard	barkhāst	2
334-35	bigū	<i>tu</i> 'ī[42]	5
336	mușaffā	idrāk	7
336-67	hawāyash	<i>parīdī</i> [43]	6



342-43	lrig a d	in 1- an [1]	0
342-43	kisād	inkār[44]	<u>9</u> 4
343-44	marā	shud[45]	4
	kashtī	shikast	
346	wah	<i>ṣafā</i> [46]	8
352-53	jihān	ma 'mūr	1
354	bihishtī	kishtiand[47]	5
359	bar ān	<i>pay</i> [48]	2
367-68	<i>baṣīţ</i>	īmān[49]	7
368	ki buwad	<i>'Ummān</i> [50]	1
373	takāwur	<i>risīdī</i> [51]	5
374	nakh ^w āham	bidih[52]	5
381	bi laṭāfat	nāchār[53]	1
381-82	agar	tīmār	2
382	wilāyat	shawad	1
383	gar	andak[54]	1
386	maʻādh	sāzam	1h
389	<i>chu</i>	nār	6
\$	Şaha	Süleyman'a[55]	1
392	waqt	<i>tīz</i> [56]	1
393	namānda	nagasht	1
۶	<i>bi</i>	sarw	2
395	<i>chu</i>	<i>kamand</i> [57]	1
ø	<i>chi</i>	dastam	1
395-96	<i>bīyā</i>	rāh	4
398 455	shukr	<i>shudam</i> [58]	1
398-99	bar	sākhta	3
400	chu az	khidhlān	5
402	qabā	palang	5
404	dar āmad	barkhāsta	4
405	tikya	<i>kunī</i> [59]	1
s	khush	kh ^w īshtan	1
ø	mar	<i>takht</i> [60]	2
407-08	sarī	<i>dāgh</i> [61]	4
409-10	zi har	dirang	5
413	bi ḥamd	āmad	2
415	jihāngīrī	mukarram	3
417	bi iqbāl	barandākhtand	2
427	<i>chi</i>	pur	10
428	mā	āmada 'īm[62]	1
¢	har	ū	2
433	zi har	<i>rīz</i>	6
441	buland	<i>kard</i> [63]	1
446	mujarradān	farāmūshand[64]	1
s	<u> </u>	<i>bādash</i> [65]	3



447-48	manam	<i>jawāl</i> [66]	23
449	Jāmī	<i>rasī</i> [67]	2
450	har ki	khār	3
451-52	ṣāḥib	bāshand	2
456-58	<i>bīyā</i>	<i>kunīm</i> [68]	37
459	minnat	wa al-salām[69]	2

II. Qur'ānic āyat, proverbs and hadīths used in the text

Text Page	Incipit	Excipit	Туре
2	wa jaʻalnākum	<i>al-ard</i> [70]	Ā.
3	wa laqad	ādam[71]	Ā.
۵	wa rafa 'nāhu	'alīyyan[72]	Ā.
	wa faḍḍalnā	khalaqnā[73]	Ā.
5	jaʻalnākum	shu'ūbā[74]	Ā.
s	kuntu	al-tīn[75]	Ӊ.
8	wa mā	<i>lil-'ālamīn</i> [76]	Ā.
8	subhān	asrā[77]	Ā.
4	mā	Zāgha[78]	Ā.
6	<i>lī</i>	waqtun[79]	Ų.
6	lagad	al-albāb[80]	Ā.
7	rabbanā	<i>lanā</i> [81]	Ā.
12	wa huwa	$\dots qad\bar{i}r[82]$	Ā.
13	al-Akrād	al-ghițā '[83]	H.
14	man	yashjaʻ	Prv.
18, 82	wa yafʻalu	<i>yurīd</i> [84]	Ā.
94	yastaghfirūn	ashār(sic)[85]	Ā.
8	faʻtabirū	abş ār[86]	Ā.
124	kam	<i>Allāh</i> [87]	Ā.
147	man	<i>rabiha</i> [88]	Prv.
158,170, 446	vā	mardīyya[89]	Ā.
159	wa ahsin	<i>ilayka</i> [90]	Ā.
8	 ulu	baʻdin[91]	Ā.
166, 397, 421	wa shāwirhum	al-mar[92]	Ā.
167	fa'idhā	<i>Allāh</i> [93]	Ā.
198	al-mustarī <u>h</u>	al-kabīr	Prv.
200	lā	<i>Allāh</i> [94]	Ā.
8	fawalli	al-ḥarām[95]	Ā.
8	wa man	āminan[96]	Ā.
ø	wa Allāh	sabīlan[97]	Ā.
8	fa'idhā	Allāh[98]	Ā.
	kullu	<i>rāji 'ūn</i> [99]	Ā.
	dhālika	al-kabīr[100]	Ā.
202	al-ʻawdu	aḥmadu	Prv.



Prv.	al-khā'if	al-khā'in	203, 305
Prv.	al-makhṭūrāt (sic) [101]	al-ḍarūrāt	207
 .	yatawārathūn[102]	al-ḥubb	243
Prv.	<i>al-baṣ ar</i> [103]	idhā	276
Ā.	<i>junūduhū</i> [104]	wa	278
Ā.	dhālik[105]	mudhabdhabīn	312
Ā.	qaswarat[106]	ka'annahum	333
Ā.	wajhahu[107]	kullu	344
Ā.	turja 'ūn[108]	lahu	ø
Ā.	khayrun[109]	al-șulḥu	389
Ā.	hay'an(sic)[110]	idhā	397
Ā.	$\dots All\bar{a}h[111]$	lā tay 'asū	399
Ā.	al-maknūn[112]	al-lu'lu'	404
Ā.	<i>shāribīn</i> [113]	yuțāf	ø
Ā.	<i>tashā</i> '[114]	<i>wa tu 'tī</i>	405
Ā.	$\dots mustaq\bar{l}m[115]$	wa Allāh	407
Ā.	<i>al-huzn</i> [116]	wa abyaḍḍat	413
Ā.	șuwarakum[117]	fa	415
Prv.	al-kayy[118]	ākhir	424
 .	șabāḥan[119]	khammarat	437
Ā.	<i>lil-'ālamīn</i> [120]	wa mā	ß
Ā.	shay'un[121]	laysa	ş
Ā.	'ālīyatin[122]	fahuwa	ş
Prv.	aș lih[123]	kullu	454

3. NOTES TO THE CHECKLIST

The annotations take note of all major citations of the text, as found in the Zernof edition. It should be noted that the main source of several citations are open to interpretation. A new critical study of the text and a simple comparison between what given below and those mentioned by Sharaf Khān will suggest that the text as a literary one contained some anachronisms and errors. The following references show that Sharaf Khān did not obtain all the citations from original sources, but normally copied them from his own contemporary sources:

[1] This poem was almost certainly quoted by the way of Samarqandī (1941, ii/i, 3) which was also a source of *Sharaf-nāma*; [2] Some version of this poem is given in the Qājārid inscription of *imāmzāda* Ibrāhīm, in Tabrīz, beginning: *ghulām-i rahash ham 'Arab ham 'Ajam*. I have not been able to identify the poet



and the original source; [3] There is no doubt that Sharaf Khān borrowed the present *bayts* from Sa'dī, who composed them in praise of 'Abū Bakr b. Sa'd b. Zangī', but they are not given in the *Būstān* edition I used; [4] On this poetry, see in particular the beginning section of Samargandī, Matla' Sa'dayn, and its variants, but again no record remains of the poet from whom it was recited; [5] These verses (which is said to have been greatly influenced by that of Firdawsī) are possibly taken from the later followers of Firdawsī. Compare the Shāh-nāma (Firdawsī, 1988, i, 7 and 55); [6] Cited originally in the Kullīvāt; Gulistān, Bāb 3 (Sa'dī, 2002, 103); [7] The text of this poem, of which only a portion is here given, will be found in the famous romance of Laylī wa Majnūn by Nizāmī Ganjawī (2005, 65-67); [8] For this one may refer to the *Tadhkirat al-Shu'arā* 'by Samargandī (1901, 106); [9] This is taken from the *dīwān* of the prolific writer Kh^wājū of Kirmān who was born in Kirmān, in souther Iran, and died in Shīrāz about 753/1352 : (Wāla Dāghastānī, 2005, ii, 777); [10] See the Jahān-gushā (Juwaynī, 1937, iii, 459); [11] In his Turkish translation of the text, Sem'î Efendi, Tercüme-i Tevârîh-i Şeref Han, fol.15r., gave an interesting verse version of the bayt:

Niye ki hükm idesün bendeyüz vü fermanber Niye ki emr idesün çakerüz vü hizmetkar; [12]

It is either by Sa'dī or at least by someone with an imitated style. Compare *Būstān* (Sa'dī, 2002, 630), where he says: *chi kunand agar taḥammul nakunand zīrdastān*; [13] A verse by Sa'dī cited in *Gulistān*, *Bāb 2* (Sa'dī, 2002, 88); [14] It is taken from Sa'dī, *Gulistān*, *Bāb 1*, beginning:

Nāsazā'ī rā ki bīnī bakht yār 'Āqilān taslīm kardand ikhtīyār...etc.; [15]

For this, compare the unknown similar version given in the *Tārīkh Rawdat al-Ṣafā* (Mīr Kh^wānd, 2001, vi, 4717); [16] These verses are entirely borrowed from *Haft Paykar* (Niẓāmī Ganjawī, 2001, 146-47), beginning:

Chunka Bahrām shud nashāṭ-parast Dīda dar naqsh-i Haft Paykar bast Rūz-i Shanba zi Dayr-i Shammāsī...etc.

The version provided by Sharaf Khān is a defective one; [17] Borrowed from *Gulistān*, *Bāb 1* (Sa'dī, 2002, 38); [18] It is a poem by Sa'dī, I think. The reference



here given is that found in the prose pamphlet *Gurba wa Mūsh* by Muḥammad b. Husayn Bahā' al-Dīn, known as Shaykh Bahā'ī (d.1030/1621) who cited the same *bayt*. For more information, see his $d\bar{n}w\bar{a}n$, known as *Kullīyāt Ash'ār wa Āthār-i* $F\bar{a}rs\bar{i}-yi$ Shaykh Bahā'ī (Nafīsī, 2004, 278); [19] It is almost certain that this is a poem by one of the followers of Firdawsī which later has been attributed to the poet himself; [20] It is probably taken from a later follower of Firdawsī. Compare the well-known verse of Firdawsī thus:

Chunīn ast rasm-i sarā-yi kuhun Sarash hīch paydā nabīnī zi bun; [21]

Recited by Nizāmī, Sharaf Khān's popular poet, in the Iqbāl-nāma (Nizāmī Ganjawī, 2004, 10); [22] See the Dīwān of Hāfiz (1992, 364), which concludes the original ode to which reference is here; [23] This is no doubt by Jamāl al-Dīn Salmān b. Muhammad Sāwajī, known as Salmān-i Sāwa or Salmān Sāwajī, but it is normally transmitted under Khwāja Tāj al-Dīn Salmān (Khwānd Mīr, 1954, iii, 98). He was born in Sāwa, a well-known province of 'Irāq-i 'Ajam. This Persian poet and panegvrist of the Jalavirids died in Safar 778/June 1376; [24] A certain git'a by ibn Yamīn of Farīwmad (d.769/1367-68). He was born to the family of the scholar and poet Amīr Yamīn al-Dīn. He is thought to have been the court poet of the Sarbidār dynasty (mid-8th/14th century). Over 5, 000 of his poems, mainly aphorisms, have been preserved, including poetries of a philosophical and mystical nature. For the full version of his poetry given in the Sharaf-nāma, see the Dīwān (ibn Yamīn Farīwmadī, 1984, 382-83); [25] It is presumably borrowed from Sa'dī, but I could not acknowledge the guess on a very random try; [26] All of these *bayts* are entirely taken from Nizāmī's 'Story of Alexander', quoted in his Sharaf-nāma (Nizāmī Ganjawī, 2002, 81), but like so many other quotations, Sharaf Khān's actual divisions of these bayts do not correspond with the numbering of the archetype; [27] Apparently the poem is attributed to Nizāmī Ganjawī (probably his Khusraw wa Shīrīn) in the Persian dictionaries, but it is not to be found at all in the edition I considered; [28] Certainly borrowed from the Ghazalīyyāt by Hāfiz of Shīrāz (Hāfiz, 1992, 242); [29] Borrowed from sixteenth chapter of Makhzan al-Asrār (Nizāmī Ganjawī, 2004, 154); [30] Ibid., the fifth chapter (2004, 96); [31] Some Persian dictionaries such as Farhang-i Dihkhudā (vi, 8269), when they describes entry *chanbar*, tended to use the present verse and attributed it to Zayn al-Dīn Abū Bakr b. Ismā'īl al-Warrāq, better known as Azraqī (d. before 465/1072-73). Azraqī not only composed a $d\bar{v}a\bar{n}$; he also composed Persian verse renderings of the Sandbād-nāma (Story of the Seven Viziers) and



the *Alfīyya wa Shalfīyya* (Samarqandī, 1901, 72); [32] Sharaf Khān mentioned this poem from a long *qaşīda* by Jāmī's *dīwān* (2001, 30). Again-he has confused the numbering and situation of the *bayts*; [33] It is certainly a poem by Abū al-Majd Majdūd b. Ādam Sanā'ī who was connected with the court of Ghaznawid Bahrām-Shāh. He died on 11 Sha'bān 525/9 July 1131. Details in *dīwān*, where it reads: *bidīn zindān-i khāmūshān yikī az chashm-i dil bingar* (Sanā'ī, 2001, 703); [34] This is a poem by Muẓaffarid Abū al-Fawāris Shāh Shujā' (d.786/1384), ruler of southern Persia. The original version of the poetry is available in *Tadhkira-yi Rīyāḍ al-Shu'arā'* (Wāla Dāghastānī, 2005, ii, 1062); [35] A different version of this poem will be found on Ebû-l-faẓl b. İdrîs, *Zeyl-i Heşt Behişt*, fol. 11v., which runs as follows:

Rikhnagar-i mulk sar afkanda bih Lashgar-i bad 'ahd parākanda bih; [36]

Borrowed from Nizāmī's romance of Khusraw wa Shīrīn (Nizāmī Ganjawī, 2004, 176); [37] This is a quatrain by the Aq-Quyunlu Sultan Ya'qub (d. 11 Safar 896/24 December 1490). It is in the trustworthy collection, Tuhfa-vi Sāmī, that the quatrain has been attributed to the sultan (Sām Mīrzā Safawī, 2005, 25); [38] The poem, attributed to Hatifi, will be found in its typical form, under kajak, in *Ānindirāj* (Shād, 1984); [39] To my knowledge, it is attributed to Nizāmī, but I have not been able to find it in the edition I used. Compare especially Khusraw wa Shīrīn (Nizāmī Ganjawī, 2004, 397ff); [40] The complete version of the poetry mentioned here (tamthīl) will be found in Laylī wa Majnūn (Nizāmī Ganjawī, 2005, 53); [41] This bayt is taken from Khusraw wa Shīrīn (Nizāmī Ganjawī, 2004, 180); [42] Sharaf Khān borrowed these verses from Sharaf-nāma which discusses the birth of Alexander, his succession to the throne of Rum (Greece), his wars against Africans who invaded Egypt, his conquest of Persia, his pilgrimage to Mecca etc. (Nizāmī Ganjawī, 2002, 257); [43] A portion of this poem is by Wahshī of Bāfq (d.991/1583), from which Sharaf Khān borrowed a defective version (Wāla Dāghastānī, 2005, iv, 2399). Wahshī was a Persian poet of the Safawid period who was born at Bafq, southeast of Yazd, in central Persia; [44] A certain *qaşīda* by Idrīs of Bitlīs who wrote it complaining of Sultan Selîm during the Egypt campaign. For his poetical talent one may refer to the *khātima* of *Hasht* Bihisht including 1343 verses (İdrîs b. Husam al-Din, Hatime, fols.623v.-636r. The *qaşīda* mentioned in the *Sharaf-nāma* is better known as 'The *Qaşīda* of Mişr'; [45] Sharaf Khān attributed these *bayts* to Idrīs of Bitlīs, but it is somewhat hard to accept it absolutely. Some variants are in Tercüme-i Tevârîh-i Seref Han



(Sem'î Efendi, fol.66v); [46] Of this rare and beautiful poetry by Mawlānā 'Abd al-Khallāq of Bitlīs, addressed to his birthplace, I was unfortunate to find any original source; [47] These poems are originally given in the Sharaf-nāma (Nizāmī Ganjawī, 2002, 276); [48] Sharaf Khān truly attributed the poetry to unidentified *dīwān* of Hātifī. These *bayts* could be extrapolated by the *Timūrnāma* frequently quoted by later authors, according to Michele Bernardini (private communication, June 2011); [49] For the full version of the *qasīda* by Kamāl Ismā'īl Isfahānī (d.628/1230-31 or 639/1241-42), see his *dīwān* (Işfahānī, fols.194v.-195r.) which originally runs as follows: basīt-i rūy-i zamīn bāz gasht ābādān...etc. As it is also alluded by Sharaf Khān, Kamāl Ismā'īl, known for his mastery of the panegyric, has also been called Khallaq al-Ma'anī 'creator of intricate meanings'; [50] It does not seem to be included in Isfahānī's Dīwān, MS 39624, Majlis Library, mentioned previously; [51] It is taken from Urang-i Panjum, Yūsuf wa Zulaykhā (Jāmī, n.d., 719); [52] Our text attributes these poems to Temür when certain dispatches passed between him and the Ottoman Sultan Bâyezîd. The complete discussion about the letters from Temür to Bâyezîd, requiring that no shelter shall be afforded to Qarā-Quyūnlū Qarā Yūsuf (d.7 Dhu al-Qa'da 823/13 November 1420), is given in Browne (2002, iii, 203-06); [53] This bayt is originally given in Gulistān, Bāb 3 (Sa'dī, 2002, 100); [54] This bayt is borrowed from Laylī wa Majnūn (Nizāmī Ganjawī, 2005, 87); [55] Part of a Turkish ghazal by Mahmūd Ughlī which I could not find in the Turkish collections; [56] Originally cited in Gulistān, Bāb 1 (Sa'dī, 2002, 33); [57] Also borrowed from Būstān, Bāb 5 (Sa'dī, 2002, 314); [58] Cited from the Ghazalīvyāt by Hāfiz (1992, 282); [59] A poem attributed to Hāfiz (Wāla Dāghastānī, 2005, i, 618); though I was unable to find any reference in the edition used here; [60] Borrowed from Sa'dī's introduction to his *Būsān*, *bayts* 20 and 21; [61] These are taken from Sharaf-nāma (Nizāmī Ganjawī, 2002, 5); [62] Borrowed from Ghazal-hā-yi Hāfiz (Hāfiz, 1992, 325); [63] This verse, as Tadhkira-yi Rīyād al-Shu'arā' (Wāla Dāghastānī, 2005, iii, 1651) mentions, is from dīwān of Qādī Ahmad Fagārī, a native of Isfarā'īn, in northern Khurāsān, and a contemporary of the Safawid Tahmāsp I; [64] This *bayt*, so far as I am aware, imitated the poem by little known poet Sūsanī, of Qarā-Quyūnlū Turkish origin to whom Tuhfa-yi Sāmī devotes an article containing the bayt cited in our chronicle (Sām Mīrzā Ṣafawī, 2005, 359); [65] Given originally with very slight variations in Laylī wa Majnūn (Nizāmī Ganjawī, 2005, 264); [66] Sharaf Khān expresses his own education in this poem with an autobiography of Jāmī, entitled 'rashah bi sharh-i hāl', of whom Sharaf Khān never spoke. It has many defects: the numeration of the verses differ from that of Jāmī, the dates indicating Jāmī's own life are completely omitted etc. Details in Dīwān (Jāmī, 2001, 76-79); [67] It was impossible to find these lines



in the Tehran complete edition of Jāmī's poems; [68] It is taken from Urang-i Haftum, Khirad-nāma-vi Iskandarī, by Jāmī (n.d., 922-23), containing totally 39 bayts; [69] There is almsot no doubt that the present poem is by Sharaf Khān himself; [70] Alluding to Our 'ān, 10:14; [71] 17:70; [72] 19:57; [73] 17:70; [74] 49:13; [75] The hadīth used is kuntu nabīvvan wa Ādamu bavn al-mā'i wa al-tīn, but it is also mentioned as kuntu nabīyyan wa Ādamu bayn al-rūhi wa al-jasad in traditional collections. Compare Jāmi 'al-Ṣaghīr fī Ahādīth al-Bashīr al-Nadhīr (Suvūtī, 1899, ii, 97); [76] 21:10; [77] 17:1; [78] 53:17; [79] The reference here is to a very well-known *hadīth*, known as *ikhtisās*, regarding Prophet's private encounters with God. Its complete version, which recurs throughout a large part of the Islamic literature, is as follows: *lī ma 'a Allāh waqtun lā yasa 'unī fīhi malakun muqarrabun wa lā nabīyyun mursalun*; [80] 12:111; [81] 2:286; [82] 5:120; [83] For the early original references to this *hadīth*, see Bihār al-Anwār (Majlisī, n.d., lxiii, 73 and ciii, 83-84); [84] A composition of two Qur'anic verses: 5:1 and 14:27; [85] Sharaf Khān is in error in mentioning the present *āya*. For the correct form, see 3:17 and compare also 51:18; [86] 59:2; [87] 2:249; [88] This classical proverb is taken from a poetry which its complete form runs as follows:

Faqultu lilqalbi tasalli wastarih Wa man najā bi-ra'sihi faqad rabiḥa

Details in Majma ' al-Amthāl (Maydānī, 1889, 169); [89] 89:27-28; [90] 28:77; [91] 8:75; [92] 3:159; [93] 3:159; [94] 24:37; [95] Compare equally 2:144; 2:149; 2:150; [96] 3:97; [97] 3:97; [98] 2:200; [99] 21:93; [100] 35:32; [101] One should undoubtedly emend this proverb to read *al-darūrātu tubīha al-mahdūrāt*: (Ma'lūf, 1995, 997); [102] For a context and *hadīth* like ours it may be useful to compare Bitlīsī, Hasht Bihisht, fol.143v.; [103] A very popular saying which frequently mentioned in the Arabic collections (Maydani, 1889, 40); [104] 27:17; [105] 4:143; [106] 74:50-51; [107] 28:88; [108] Compare 28:70 and also 28:88; [109] Compare 4:128. It was also used as a proverb (taken from $Qur'\bar{a}n$) in Islamic folklore and literature; [110] Compare 36:82. It is not precisely the same used in Qur'ān; [111] 12:87; [112] 52:24; [113] 37:45-46; [114] 3:26; [115] 2:213; [116] 12:84; [117] 40:64; [118] An Arabic proverb originally mentioned as both ākhiru al-dawā'i al-kayy and ākhiru al-dawā'i al-kuyy (ibn Manzūr, 1986, xii, 197); [119] A complete version is given in *Ihvā' 'Ulūm al-Dīn* (Ghazālī, n.d., 294): inna Allāha khammara tīnata ādama bi-yadihi arba 'īna sabāhan; [120] 21:107; [121] 3:128; [122] 69:21-22; [123] An alternative version of this proverb is given in Amthāl wa Hikam (Dihkhudā, 2004, iv, 1942).



4. CONCLUSION

My conclusion is that we should understand *Sharaf-nāma* historically as consisting in fidelity to the principles of *adīb*. So understanding it, we have a relatively sharp critical tool for deciding which was and which was not a correct citation despite author's silence or even unawareness that where the original citation is mentioned. Unquestionably, the most important section in this regard is Persian citation. Due to its close association with the Persian literature and language, the *Sharaf-nāma* prevented Turkish poetry and citations. This theme is also highly scanty regarding the impact of Arabic literature on the text. The impact of Arabic upon Sharaf Khān's language ability is, in my opinion, very poor. It is Sharaf Khān's knowledge of classical Arabic which should be somewhat highlighted. Poor mentioning even among text's Qur'ānic citations may show that particularly the Arabic (non-Qur'ānic) citations are very possibly copied from other sources.

A further, obvious but important point may be added. Sharaf Khān's possible theses regarding the structure of the fragments cited from other sources-their identity and non-identity in reflection, remain merely paradoxical or metaphorical if not read as a short part of previous longer quotations of the earlier writers. If one would check the classical sources used in the *Sharaf-nāma* and the complete form of the citations, he sometimes encounter different semantics from what Sharaf Khān's had in mind. If this seems surprising, in view of Sharaf Khān's not seeming to share the basic aims of classical poets and authors, the answer is, I suggest, that although Sharaf Khān is sometimes generally interested in oppositions rather than unities, the status of his oppositions-their *internal* and *constitutive* character-puts them on historical par with the unities of Sharaf Khān personal (and sometimes Kurdish) idealism. Thus, a literary anthology of the citations in the text that excluded Sharaf Khān's priority of the citation is probably suspected.

On this reading of Sharaf Khān's literary project, Sharaf Khān was neither an analytic *adīb* nor a critic, but instead a pioneering Kurdish historian, intent upon elevating history from its harsh and stiff status and placing it upon the popular path of what has been called 'attractiveness of literature'. While Sharaf Khān remained committed to disturbing these citations for abbreviated use, within the chronicle they sometimes took the form of descriptive literary citations.

Finally, on the present reading we must be willing to admit that there are significant discontinuities between the citations given in the *Sharaf-nāma* and the original variants. However, these discontinuities are not always evidence of Sharaf



Khān's abandonment of mentioning the classical sources in the correct and entire form. Sometimes the problem is the defective manuscripts and untrustworthy variants that Sharaf Khān had access to them at the time. *And* what contemporary exponents of *Sharaf-nāma* studies should perhaps conclude from a study of the literature in the *Sharaf-nāma* is that, rather than standing in situation to edit, translate, and reproduce early editions again and again, one ought to be in the situation of the identification of what (both literary and historically) is mentioned.

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